



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: FORDE LAKE DAM EMERGENCY SPILLWAY REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

The WDFW Forde Lake Access site experienced damages during the May 2006 flood event causing erosion of the emergency spillway area. The site and two existing cutoff walls were repaired. In 2009, Washington State Department of Ecology - Dam Safety re-assessed the dam site and felt a third cutoff wall was needed to improve the existing erosion preventative system. This wall will be installed in the existing parking area above ordinary high water. The parking area will have a trench excavated and the concrete cutoff wall will be installed (measuring 100 feet long x 2 feet deep x 2 feet wide utilizing 25.93 cubic yards concrete). The wall will be covered with 3.7 cubic yards of gravel to match the existing materials on site. Excavated materials will be disposed of at an approved landfill area. All materials will be obtained from a local quarry. This project will not enter the water, and all portions of this project will utilize BMPs.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Washington, Okanogan County; Section 3 ,
Township 37 North, Range 25 East WM

The proposed project site is within the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. The site is reached by turning left from Interstate 2 (E/US-97) onto N/Sunset Highway. Turn left at 4th street, and right at State Route 7. Continue onto Loomis-Oroville Road. Continue onto Palmer Avenue, and turn left at Broadway Street. Continue onto Sinlahekin Road, and turn right into the site.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **July 6, 2010**.

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).